

1. (currently amended) A patient medical tubing anchor and support adapted for use on a patient comprising:

a conformable generally laminar base layer member extending longitudinally having a lower surface adapted for adhesion to a person's skin and a non-adhesive upper surface; and

a generally laminar attachment layer member connected to the upper surface of the base having a center portion defining a cushioning pad and at least one integral longitudinally extending locking strip extending from one end of the center portion and at least one other integral longitudinally extending locking strip extending from the other end of the center portion;

the center portion having an upper surface operative to support medical tubing;

the locking strips having a non-adhesive lower surface and a permanent adhesive upper surface;

the locking strips being foldable over the center portion to encapsulate a portion of said medical tubing between the upper surface of the locking strips and the upper surface of the center portion;

wherein said medical tubing anchor and support is disposed between patient medical tubing and skin to anchor said tubing without affecting the parallel relationship of said tubing to the skin.

2. (original) A patient medical tubing anchor and support as in claim 1 wherein said center portion is a cushioning pad.

3. (original) A patient medical tubing anchor as in claim 2 wherein said cushioning pad is a light weight cellular material.

4. (original) A patient medical tubing anchor and support as in claim 1 wherein the base is one of a woven and nonwoven strip.

5. (original) A patient medical tubing anchor and support as in claim 1 further comprising a removable non-adhesive release layer on the adhesive upper surfaces of the locking strips.

6. (original) A patient medical tubing anchor and support as in claim 1 further comprising a removable non-adhesive release layer attached to the adhesive lower surface of the base.

7. (original) A patient medical tubing anchor and support as in claim 1 further comprising adhesive on the upper surface of the attachment member operative to retain medical tubing.

8. (original) A patient medical tubing anchor and support as in claim 7 further comprising a removable non-adhesive release layer on the upper surface of the center portion.

9. (original) A patient medical tubing anchor and support as in claim 1 wherein the length of the center portion is greater than the length of the locking strips.

10. (original) A patient medical tubing anchor and support as in claim 1 further comprising perforations between the locking strips and the center portion operative to tear the locking strips from the center portion.

11. (currently amended) A method of anchoring and supporting medical tubing on a person's skin, the steps comprising:

providing a medical tubing anchor comprising a conformable generally laminar base member including a layer extending longitudinally having a lower surface adapted for adhesion to a person's skin and a non-adhesive upper surface, [an] a generally laminar attachment layer member connected to the upper surface of the base having a center portion defining a padding pad and at least one integral longitudinally extending locking strip extending from one end of the center portion and at least one other integral longitudinally extending locking strip extending from the other end of the center portion, the center portion having an upper surface operative to support medical tubing, the locking strips having a non-adhesive lower surface and a permanent adhesive upper surface, and the locking strips being foldable over the center portion to encapsulate a portion of said medical tubing between the upper surface of the locking strips and the upper surface of the center portion, wherein said medical tubing anchor and support is disposed between patient medical tubing and skin to anchor said tubing without affecting the parallel relationship of said tubing to the skin.

12. (original) The method as in claim 11 further including the step of attaching the base of the anchor to a person's skin.

13. (original) The method as in claim 12 further including the step of positioning a portion of the medical tubing over the center portion.

14. (original) The method as in claim 13 further including the step of folding the locking strips in an overlapping fashion to encapsulate a portion of the medical tubing between the upper surface of the locking strips and the upper surface of the center portion.